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For: **HEAD ASSEMBLY HAVING INTEGRATED CIRCUIT CHIP COVERED BY
LAYER WHICH PREVENTS FOREIGN PARTICLE GENERATION**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
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In response to the Requirement for an Election of Species dated **October 21, 2002**,

applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the species embodying Species II, represented by FIG. 7B. Claims 1-3, 5, 8, 10 and 30 read on this species. The applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected claims 1-3, 5, 8, 10 and 30 and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time.

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